

Statewide Ballot Issue Committees must report expenditures for paid signature gatherers

Montana Law requires political committees that employ paid signature gatherers to file reports with the Commissioner disclosing these expenditures. (13-27-112, MCA)

Statewide ballot issue committees must disclose all contributions received and expenditures – including those made prior to the time an issue becomes a ballot issue. (13-37-228(1), MCA)
(For statewide ballot issue committees, an issue becomes a ballot issue upon transmission by the Secretary of State of the form of the petition to the person who submitted or prepared it. (13-1-101(17)(b) MCA)

Reporting requirements apply even before the issue becomes qualified for the ballot, and even if the issue fails to garner sufficient signatures to qualify for the ballot.